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1. The airfield is 6 km east of Craiova, near the first-class road Craiova-Pielesti-Balg-Slatina, north of this road and separated from it only by barbed wire.
2. On the west the airfield is bordered by a small hill about 220 m high. This is occupied by vineyards and the accompanying buildings. On the north the Tasliul brook is the boundary; the terrain in this direction is quite flat and dotted with peasant houses. East of the field is the railroad line Craiova-Cârcea-Pielesti-Balg.
3. The airfield is laid out in an east-west direction. It is 3,600 by 2,600 m. The field is not drained, but the ground is dry and has been treated with gravel. The ~~Swiss~~ superintended this operation, bringing in thousands of truckloads of gravel and rolling it into the ground. Concrete runways were laid, and a small hill at the east side was entirely cut away to make room for the field.
4. At the field there are now: two-story guardhouse; a one-story 50 by 50 m command building, which is also occupied by a battalion command, with an assembly room on the second floor; a one-story dining room and canteen 30 by 35 m; a one-story building, 15 by 30 m, radio and weather station, telephone and ~~goniometric~~ central; a two-story building, 35 by 40 m, with baths, library and assembly room on the ground floor, quarters for the ground personnel above; a one-story garage, 25 by 45 m; a one-story concrete building, 20 by 50 m, fuel depot; a motor repair shop; two concrete hangars, each 80 by 100 m; a concrete hangar 85 by 130 m; an old wooden hangar 55 by ~~100~~ m, in poor condition; a wooden barracks, one-story 10 by 20 m, occupied by guard company and their depots. There is no radar station.

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5. There are underground fuel tanks outside the field area with a capacity of 25 railroad tank cars. They are well camouflaged. Near them is a small building where gasoline and oil in drums are stored. There is no underground pipeline as yet. The munitions depot is also outside the field area, but there is no precise information on its location.
6. The runway is 3,100 m by 82 m. There is a concrete apron 200 by 600 m in front of the new hangars.
7. The field has a direct railroad spur to Pielești railroad station, with unloading ramps at the fuel depot.
8. At the field there is currently a Soviet fighter squadron with 76 to 78 MIG-15 planes; also a Rumanian air officers' school where the students are trained on jets.

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